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STATE ADVISORY COUNCIL ON EMS

Osage Beach, MO

August 12, 2008

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Lynthia Andrews, DO  
David Tan, MD  
Joan Eberhardt, RN  
Randy Davis, EMT-P  
Mark Alexander, EMT-P  
Ruby Mehrer, RN  
Wally Patrick, RN  
Wayne Sanders, EMT-P

Joseph Salomone, MD  
Robert Dodson, MD  
Vicki Groce, EMT-P

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Sam Schneider, EMT-P  
Ben Chlapek, EMT-P

**GUESTS**

Jimm Murray  
Ken Koch  
Paul Guptill  
Rande McCrary  
Shannon Hobson  
Ted Shockley  
Chris Wilkens  
Candy McClain  
Craig Faith  
Elliot Hix  
Sharon Smith

Bob Patterson  
Pam Grimes  
DJ Satterfield  
Heather Seemann  
Kelsey Robertson  
Carol Nierling  
Brian Opoka  
Bill Stephens  
Jack Bates  
William Pearman  
Robert Grayhek

Andrew Spain  
David Seastrom  
Jason White  
Jen Busby  
Jay Faulkner  
Amy Knoernschild  
Melissa Hembree  
Jim Kessel  
Pam Grimes  
Adam Bruner

**DHSS STAFF PRESENT**

Sumar Muzaffar, DHSS EMS Medical Director  
Paula Kempf, Bureau of EMS  
Jody Hyman, Bureau of EMS  
Bob Minter, Bureau of EMS  
Jennifer Evans, Bureau of EMS  
Shirley Gastler, Bureau of EMS  
Beverly Smith, DHSS  
Karen Connell, DHSS  
Andrew Wankum, DHSS  
Greg Natsch, Bureau of EMS  
Paula Adkison, Bureau of EMS

### **Call to Order**

Dr. Andrews called the meeting to order at 4:05 PM.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Minutes from the June meeting were approved with motion by Dr. Salomone, and seconded by Vicki Groce. The motion passed unanimously.

Paula Kempf– When SAC met the last time there was expectation that we could make some language change in 19CSR30-40.342 and I put that proposal forward but the DHSS attorneys did not approve it. During the comment period a change as large as the one that we requested could not be made, so we could not pull 19CSR30-40.342 from being published in the register, at this point during the comment period I have made the request that it be pulled out before it goes farther. 19CSR30-40.342 will not be going forward as we talked about and agreed upon; it will go forward with 19CSR30-40.303 and hopefully the OHDNR order with the next round to the Board of Health. As for the other regulations, the comment period has been completed, and we are in the process of answering the comments, then those will go forward through the attorneys and back to Director Drummond for a decision to be published again in the register and we hoping to have this done early next month.

## **SUBCOMMITTEES**

### **Legislative – Mark Alexander**

The Legislative Subcommittee met before the SAC meeting. We began the afternoon discussing the OHDNR, which has been pulled for some changes. One of the changes comes from our friends in Kansas City that have been using a form since 1994, in the subcommittee meeting this afternoon Jason White circulated a draft that included a statement that attorneys had submitted to MAST which basically says “That this rule applies only to the out of hospital do not resuscitate order cited in sections 190.600 through 190.621.

Jason White discussed that the Center for Practical Bio Ethics is involved in the passage of legislation of DNR. The Center’s attorneys were concerned and they wanted to make sure the regulations did not create the oneness of that only the state approved form would be acceptable.

The subcommittee met today with the Missouri Hospital Association where they brought up a request that was made during the passage of the law back in 2007, that specifically identified what a hospital was and that the OHDNR be generically designed to address the issue of hospital owned ambulances who by EMTALA are defined by having come to the hospital, presented to the emergency department that might cause some problems with the OHDNR order. The subcommittee will talk to the Hospital Association more and come up with some language and to make clear that even a hospital owned ambulance could acknowledge or follow this OHDNR order form. The Missouri Patient Safety Organization has requested that we do away with the whole bracelet thing and use the purple armbands that they use on DNR patients in hospitals and perhaps in other agencies. I will contact Becky Miller who is the director of APSO and find out exactly where that comes from and what it is in relation to the type of identification.

9-1-1 for several years in a row now has not passed for several different reasons. 9-1-1 is a critical component of early identification, recognition and treatment of STEMI and Stroke. EMS and DHSS need to have strong control over that component of the 9-1-1 systems, it is something that will have to be worked out between the Dept of Health and Dept of Public Safety. As an industry we need to

continue to push the point that this is a very important aspect of the Emergency Medical care in a prehospital setting not just for STEMI and Stroke but for trauma.

The Time Critical Diagnosis task force report has been made public today, the group will reconvene late September early October where people will be asked to sign up for various components then we will begin more committee work to develop recommendations that would be the foundation for the regulations to follow.

EMS day at the Capital is March 3, 2009

#### **Air Ambulance – Ruby Mehrer**

Air Ambulance Subcommittee met before the SAC meeting. There was a presentation from the Heart Lifeline Alliance talking about STEMI patients and how helicopters can fit into that plan of getting STEMI patients from the rural hospitals into definitive treatment and some of the goals for how we can accomplish that. We also have a presentation tomorrow on the coordination of multiple helicopters responses to a scene. Weatherturndown.com is now the official website to check to see if a flight was turned down due to weather. The subcommittee has drafted a letter based upon the FAA letter of 2005 discussing “helicopter shopping”; and we are asking Paula Kempf of the Bureau of EMS to send it to all EMS agencies and hospitals in the state. There was discussion on multiple aircraft flying not only to scenes but also to hospital helipads. There were 3 safety summits – one at the national level in Washington DC, one in Dallas and a smaller one in Kansas City; where radio frequencies were discussed to get all air ambulances flying into the Kansas City area using the same frequency to communicate with each other.

#### **Trauma – Walley Patrick**

Trauma Subcommittee Met before SAC meeting. The group will be forming a workgroup on the trauma component of the TCD and also working on Level 4 trauma centers in MO.

#### **Education – Greg Natsch**

The Education Subcommittee will hold a meeting on August 13, 2008 at 4:00 PM.

#### **Public Information- Randy Davis**

The Subcommittee would like to have a telephone conference call in September.

#### **Communication Committee – Vicki Groce**

Vicki Groce and Jason White attended APCO conference in Kansas City. Jason gave more discussion on the conference, which discussed the needs for 9-1-1 in Missouri. Jason gave hand outs with maps on 9-1-1. (Hard copies attached to minutes)

#### **Pediatric Committee – Sharon Smith**

The Pediatric Subcommittee met before SAC this afternoon. There is to be a conference held February 17, 2009 in Jefferson City, further details will follow at a later date. Paula Adkison and I attended a conference in Washington DC and made a presentation on how we recognize our ambulances for pediatric equipment. The group is also looking at having PEPP classes in all of regions; more information on these will follow at a later date. September will be our next meeting.

## **REGIONS**

### **Northwest – Vicki Groce**

July 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Jody Hyman from the Bureau of EMS came up to do pediatric equipment inspections for several of ambulance services that came together in Savannah and St. Joseph and are pleased to report that 8 out of the 15 ambulance services met that goal so this is exciting and we are going to continue to work as a Region on how we can get these brought forth. We had local TV and newspaper present for interviews with ambulance staff about the Pediatric inspections of the ambulances. The NW Region is excited about the recognition. July 29<sup>th</sup> Sharon hosted a meeting at Heartland for the NW Region and September 3<sup>rd</sup>, Nodaway county will be hosting the NW Regional meeting and look at our disaster trailer that we got with a grant for the NW Region and see what else it needs. The NW Region is currently working on radio communications so we can get everyone in our Region on the radio, with their frequency on the radio in the disaster trailer.

### **Central-Carol Nierling**

Central Region met before SAC today. The Region is ready to kick off our pediatric ambulance project. We are sending out a needs assessment survey to members of the Central Region to make sure that we are still on track. The Central Region has 3 new members awaiting approval and 3 more individuals who will be submitting their applications for the central Region. Central Region elected officers today at the meeting. Our next meeting will be in late Oct or early Nov in the Northern part of the state.

### **East Central – Ken Koch**

East Central met in June. We are continuing to work on bylaws for the group. We are also discussing a fall educational program and working on a conference for next year, which will be focusing on school shootings, child abuse, Time Critical and the impact on first responders. We are also developing a best practices presentation for the meeting in January, where local services can present their best practice on a given subject. Next meeting is Aug 22<sup>nd</sup> and will be a joint meeting with Region C EMS, which is the disaster group.

### **Region A- Ruby Mehrer**

Has not met since last SAC meeting but there is a meeting schedule for September 8<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm at Centerpoint.

### **Southeast- Robert Grayheck**

The Southeast Region has recently under gone a new reorganizational structure. We now have official members, have our bylaws and have set up a list of priorities that we want to accomplish over the next year. Our next meeting is Aug 22<sup>nd</sup>.

### **Southwest – Bob Patterson**

We met at Cox North in Springfield. We had an excellent presentation by Dr. John Buckner, who is a surgeon at Cox and is a LT. in the US Army Reserve and he discussed some things that are going on in Iraq. Discussion on the use of tourniquets, and now have them in all of their ambulances. We continue to work on our standard reporting format for the region, we are also working on pediatric equipment certification process. We are getting our regional mutual aid agreement signed and focusing on the EMS strike team and educating all the folks in the Region on the use it.

### **Old Business**

Discussion on the setting up of the subcommittee meetings so that everyone can attend all the meetings. Discussed several options, such as two days, pushing the SAC back to 2 pm or 3 pm in the afternoon. Dr. Andrews will look at the subcommittees schedule and have a decision for the September meeting.

### **New Business**

Dr. Andrews announced the official appointment of Randy Davis and Dr. Salomone to the SAC.

Ben Chlapek's father passed away, Randy McCrary's mother passed away, Dr. Andrews announced Dr. Sumar Muzaffar as the new EMS Medical Director.

Dr Andrews gave a report from the CDC website about the Emergency Department Summary Report.

### **Adjourn**

Dr. Andrews adjourned the meeting at 5:45 PM.

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Lynthia Andrews, SAC Chair

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Date